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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Kaori ONO et al.

Application No.: 09/850,167

Filed: May 8, 2001

For: CELLULOSE ESTER FILM,
OPTICAL FILM, POLARIZING
PLATE, OPTICAL
COMPENSATION FILM AND
LIQUID CRYSTAL DISPLAY

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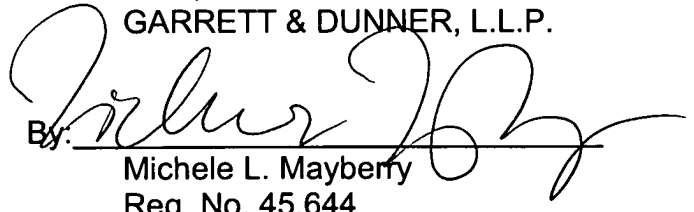
RESPONSE TO ELECTION REQUIREMENT

In an Election Requirement dated March 11, 2003, the Examiner required an election of species under 35 U.S.C. § 121 of Group I (claims 1-21). Applicants elect a cellulose ester film comprising an ultraviolet absorbent polymer comprising at least one repeating unit having an ultraviolet absorbent structure represented by formula (3). Applicants note that claims 1-5 and 13-21 read on the elected species.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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